

LIVE SPORTS

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TWO COLLEGE STARS REPORT FOR TRIAL

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RED SOX ARE HERE FRIDAY

Rule Says Chill Should Have Called Balk on Engel, Instead of Calling Balls.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

Two more players were today added to the Griffithian forces.

From Pomona College comes Kingman, and from the University of West Virginia, Barron. Kingman is a left-handed first baseman who has been the sensation of the intercollegiate ranks of the far West. He was highly touted to Griffith by a couple of friends on the Pacific Coast, and while he may need considerably more seasoning, he is expected to later develop into a valuable man.

Barron is a pitcher about whom many good things have been said. Just when he will break in has not been decided, but it is likely that his first experience here will be as a relief twirler.

After the Highlanders finish here Thursday, the Boston Red Sox will arrive for a series to open on Friday.

Following Boston come St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, and Chicago in the order named.

Rule 34 declares that in case a pitcher does not have his feet in contact with the rubber the umpire shall call a balk. This may be new but valuable information to the judges of plays in view of the fact that Engel was accused of violating the code on Friday, as each pitch was called a "balk."

All hands reported on deck when Clark Griffith presided at a meeting of the Nationals this morning. There have been no further official developments over the forfeiture of Friday, and the impression is that Ban Johnson will make no further move until he has received the papers that have been forwarded him by managers, umpires, players, and casual spectators.

Notices of suspensions and raising of the ban are usually received at the ball park immediately before the game, so it will be impossible to say exactly what will be the roster of the Griffiths in today's game until line-ups are handed the umpires.

It is reasonably certain that Griffith and Schaefer will look on from a box, sans diamond spangles, but the next question is as to whether Gandil or Smith will play first base.

Considering the general inconsistency of his work, it is pretty hard to dope the fellow who claims that he will never even notified his chief of the trouble that he had with Gandil on Thursday. He immediately tried to hit him with the ball. He immediately banished the player from the field, a few minutes later came the same charge against Smith. Smith was allowed to continue. That combination of incidents is indicative of the madcap conduct of the Griffiths. They are at week, so you will have to judge for yourself who will be at the first corner when the Nationals go on today.

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Saturday—Red Sox (morning and afternoon).

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Two College Players Report for Trial With the Griffmen

Why Poor Old Jack Sheridan Is Compelled to Umpire in Big Show

BAN JOHNSON CAN'T FIND ANY OFFICIALS

Therefore, Veteran of Many Battles Is Out There Doing His Very, Very Best.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Ever hear of old Jack Sheridan?

'Way back, twelve or thirteen years ago there was a man named Jack Sheridan, who was considered one of the best umpires in the business. He used to cavort in American League parks with entire satisfaction.

But nature could not be denied. Jack was getting old. So one day he went to see his old boss, B. B. Johnson.

"Mr. Johnson, I'm all in," said Jack.

"Well, Jack, I've been told you were losing your eyesight and getting stiff in the knees," was the mighty response of the Baseball Chief. "Perhaps it would be better for me to put you on a pension. Baseball these days is for the young, you know. Ta, ta. Wish you luck."

So poor old Jack Sheridan hied himself out to California. There he engaged in that noble calling so beloved of big leaguers, became an under-taker and waxed fat and prosperous. And every month a check came along signed by B. B. Johnson, the big boss back East.

Then one winter, having nothing else to do, B. B. went out around the corner and bought a great big badge. On it was inscribed:

"Greatest of all umpires."

And B. B. sent that hunk of junk off to sunny California and poor old Jack Sheridan used to wear it while leading the procession. Ah, then was the happy days!

But wait—don't grow excited. A lot of red-necks chased a gink named Ferguson over the fence. More of them hurried hard, brittle bottles at other gentlemen's arbiters. There certain scribes found the notes and beams in the eyes of still other gentlemanly arbiters. Therefore, B. B. came to a sorry pass. But, ah! he had a cure. He sent for Jack, poor Jack Sheridan, leading the gloomy parades in sunny California.

And Jack came. Sheridan, with eyes weakened by straining through many a hot sun at elusive curves and slants, reeling from fallen arches, but B. B. said, coaxingly:

"Now, old Jack, you won't have to go behind the bat. So, one fellow'll do all the rough work. You just go out there, wearing your badge, the one I sent you when you retired forever, and if any tough manager gets into trouble with you, I'll bounce him on the beam."

So poor old Jack Sheridan, fallen arches, weak lamps and all, is still in the ring. Maybe he longs for those happier days leading the parade out in sunny California. Maybe he wishes the ground would open up every time he happens to guess wrong and the roars of the players off the diamond, the speakers, tipping him off.

But there he stands, in noble pose, waving his watch on fiery managers, calling the players off the diamond, calling the umpires off the diamond, calling the umpires off the diamond.

Why does he do these things? Because in all this land of red-necks and slants, not one big league umpire can be found to supplant him. How do we know this?

Well, has B. B. picked out any successor for poor old Jack Sheridan, the man with the weak lamps, fallen arches and big tin badge?

Paris Papers Say Bout Was Merely Uninteresting

PARIS, June 29.—The newspapers nearly all print long accounts of the Johnson-Moran bout. Some of them even dignify the affair by commenting upon it editorially.

Picasso says the fight was a fair one but uninteresting after the third round. "Johnson," it concludes, "knew himself physically superior in science to Moran, but inferior to him."

In the main the critics treat the subject with unexpected seriousness, although the Math has either fallen or greatly or he was simply fooling the public."

Will Meet Langford.

PARIS, June 29.—Jack Johnson has agreed to meet Sam Langford here in a twenty-round bout some time in October. He will receive \$30,000, win, lose or draw, and, in addition, 50 per cent of the moving picture rights. Articles will be signed in London Wednesday or Thursday.

Think's Ritchie Can Be Strong at Weight

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 29.—Ad Wolgast, who has started active training for his twenty-round battle against Joe Rivers July 4, is one man who believes Willie Ritchie, lightweight champion, can do 125 ringside and be strong.

"When he fought me in Milwaukee," quoth Wolgast, "Ritchie didn't weigh quite 125 pounds. He can do 125 and be right, but he's afraid he will outgrow that weight, so he's taking time by the forelock and making his own limit 125 pounds from the start, for he knows if he ever defended his title at 125 ringside the public would demand that he keep the weight at this figure as long as he held the title."

Says Jess Willard Can Win Heavyweight Title

PARIS, June 29.—After thinking over all the angles of the Johnson-Moran clash at the Velodrome d'Hotel, Billy Braly, the American boxing promoter, said today that Jess Willard is the man to win the crown from Johnson.

"Johnson would have drawn with either Corbett or Jeffries Saturday night," says Braly. "If a man as big and as strong as Johnson is now gets into the ring with the champion, the other man will win. Jess Willard is the man I have in mind. Johnson has proved conclusively that he can't whip anybody. He is nothing but a boxer now. Willard would put him away."

First Baseman Usually Found in Double Plays

Of the sixteen big league players who have taken part in most double plays, ten are first basemen, a condition quite logical considering the nature of double plays. They are Burns (Detroit), McInnis, Gandil, Leary, Hohlitzel, Chase, Egan, Sallee, Miller and Jack Miller. The players of other positions are Bush, Cuthaw, Maranville, Yerkes, Pratt, and Evers.

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